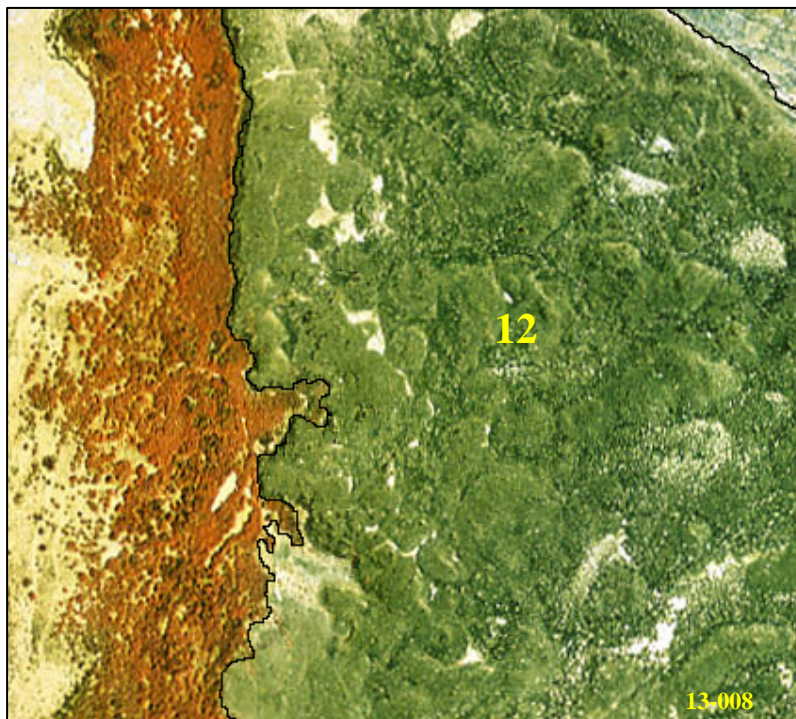


Crinklemat/Alkali Sacaton Dwarf Shrubland (12)



Location. This type is restricted to older basalt deposits that are exposed as a terrace adjacent to the Little Colorado River at Black Falls Crossing. The dominant species are shadscale and alkali sacaton, but the understory has a significant component of crinklemat (low gray mounds in photo above).



Photosignature. The lumpy, blackish-green signature of the old basalt flow is diagnostic. White areas are sands that have blown on top of the basalt. The shrubs and other vegetation are essentially invisible. This type was mapped primarily from field observations.